

# AES BULLETIN

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# YOUR CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE

## GIVING OUR ATTENTION TO THE CHILD WHO DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO ASK: A VITAL TASK FOR OUR TIME

One of the highlights of our Passover Seder is a discussion regarding the Four Children. We examine the different types of children that the Rabbis present: Wise, Wicked, Simple, and the One Who Does Not Know How to Ask. In our home, and I suspect in many others, the discussion focuses on the *Rasha*, the Wicked Son. We delve into questions as to what makes the wise child wise and the wicked son wicked, and whether those approaches work today. Artwork from the Haggadah is presented in support of different positions.

Our focus on the *Rasha* is understandable in that the Rabbis accuse this child of separating from the community and denying our core beliefs. According to the presentation of the Haggadah, the so-called, "wicked child" is most on the edge of the Jewish community—most in danger of stepping away from the Jewish people and their heritage. However, my experience over the last four decades brings me to a different conclusion. It is the fourth child named in the Haggadah, the "one who does not know how to ask", that should garner our attention today. Unlike the *Rasha*, this child does not care enough to ask, or to challenge, and as a result they are the most endangered segment of the Jewish community today. We have a different name for them in our age: nones. These are Jews who identify as having no religion—describing themselves as atheist, agnostic, or "nothing in particular" when filling out a questionnaire. Interestingly, they often retain a Jewish cultural or ethnic identity.

"Nones" are presently the fastest growing population in the Jewish community. According to a survey done in 2020, Jewish "Nones" make up about 40% of young American Jews (under 40) who identify as having no religion. Rather than focus on the *Rasha*, the loudest of the four children, we would do well to give greater consideration to the quiet ones who do not know how to formulate the question and are not even sure that the question is worth asking!

What answer do we offer to those who are not bothering to ask the question?

Here, I believe the Haggadah offers us deep wisdom:

וְשֵׂאִינוּ יוֹדְעֵי לְשֹׂאֵל – אֵת פֶּתַח לוֹ,  
שֶׁנֶּאֱמַר, וְהִגַּדְתָּ לְבִנְךָ בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא לֵאמֹר,  
בְּעִבּוֹר זֶה עָשָׂה יְיָ לִי בְּצֵאתִי מִמִּצְרָיִם.

And the  
ONE WHO DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO ASK:  
you must open [the story] for him,  
as it is said:  
"And you shall tell your child

on that day,  
'Because of this the LORD acted for me  
when I came out of Egypt.'

What is the significance of the words, פֶּתַח לוֹ open for him. Note that the Haggadah does not prescribe offering a preformulated answer. Rather, it instructs us to simply open with the Jewish story. That is the story of a people whose God brought them out of Egypt. It is a story that began with that timeless call to Abraham, which our people continue to respond to today. Rather than instruct this child as to what they "must" believe, we are instructed to present our story and allow them to engage it on their terms, to discover the meaning of Jewish peoplehood and destiny for themselves. I can personally speak to the wisdom of this approach after my more than 40-year journey as a congregational Rabbi.

The great Chasidic Master, Rabbi Menachem Mendel of Kotzk, once noted that in the *V'Ahavta* paragraph of the *Shmah* we say, "These words shall be on your heart, *al levavcha*." Why, the Kotzker Rebbe asked, does the Torah not say "lay these words in your heart?" The heart is not always open. Therefore, the Torah says: "Lay these words on your heart, so that when your heart opens, they will be there, ready to fall in."

On Passover, we gather to tell the remarkable story of the Jewish people where God acted in history and a people courageously responded. It is that story that, despite the many challenges that we have faced, we continue to tell today in no less miraculous ways. Our children of every age deserve to know that story, most especially those who are not asking questions. Rather than lecturing them, it is best for us to lay the story on their hearts in a way that feels honest, compelling, and inspiring. Jewish education at its best opens us up to the miracle of existence and God's role and presence throughout our history. It is to make the words of the Haggadah a powerful reality for the full spectrum of Jewish children and to open our hearts to the powerful reality of the Jewish story.

בכל דור ודור חיב אדם  
לראות את עצמו כאלו  
הוא יצא ממצרים

In every generation a person must regard himself as though he personally had gone out of Egypt, as it is said: "And you shall tell your son in that day, saying: 'It is because of what the Lord did for me when I came forth out of Egypt.'"





**Ted Deutch**



**Rabbi Morris Allen**

## CONGREGATIONAL SHABBAT DINNER WITH **TED DEUTCH** & **RABBI MORRIS ALLEN**

Friday, March 20  
6PM • Service  
7PM • Dinner

Ted Deutch, a lifelong Jewish and pro-Israel activist, assumed the role of Chief Executive Officer, Edward and Sandra Meyer Office of the CEO at American Jewish Committee (AJC) on October 1, 2022. He joined AJC following more than 12 years of service in the United States House of Representatives, representing Broward and Palm Beach Counties in Florida. Ted has long championed the priorities of the Jewish community, from his summers at Camp Ramah to his Israel activism at the University of Michigan and Michigan Law School, where he chaired the Hillel Governing Board.

**Anshe Emet Members (18+): \$54**  
**Non-Members (18+): \$72**  
**Children 5-17 years old: \$18**  
**Children 4 years old and under: Free**

In-Person at Anshe Emet Synagogue (3751 N. Broadway). RSVP for this event is required.

Registration will close on March 13. We will not be accepting walk-ins on the evening of this event.



*Visionary Sponsors are invited to attend this event as part of their sponsorship. Please contact Mimi Weisberg for details about the number of seats included with your sponsorship. Parking is reserved for Sponsors of this event and those with handicap placards.*



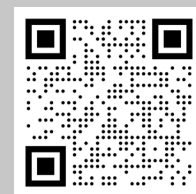
Sunday May 3, 2026 • 4PM

We hope you will join us at Anshe Emet Synagogue for The Visionaries of Anshe Emet celebration, as we honor Rabbi Siegel's distinguished rabbinate and lasting impact. This historic evening will reflect on a lifetime of service that has strengthened our congregation, enriched Jewish life in Chicago, and influenced the broader Jewish world.

A portion of the proceeds from the celebration will support The Rabbi Michael S. Siegel Israel Fund which supports youth trips to Israel.

**General Tickets: \$180**

**Sponsorship and Contribution Opportunities also Available!**



# PROGRAMS AT AES



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## WEEKLY OFFERINGS

### MISHNAH MONDAYS W/ RABBI FORESTER

Mondays  
8AM • In Person & Via Zoom

Join us for Mishnah Mondays, where we'll schmooze after minyan over coffee and breakfast and learn a little Mishnah together. Learners of all levels are welcome. Dates include: March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, & April 6, 13, 20, and 27.

### HAZAK: SENIOR LEARNING

Mondays  
12:30PM (CDT) Lunch  
1PM (CDT) Class

Bring a friend in person or feel free to join us online in your time zone, coast-to-coast. HaZaK is taught by Rabbi Benjy Forester. Upcoming dates include: March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 & April 6, 13, 20, and 27.



### PESACH SIYYUM CLASS WITH JACOB CYTRYN

Select Saturdays  
1PM • In Person

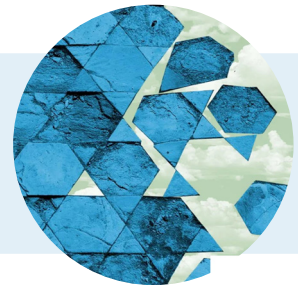
In order to hold a *siyyum* on the morning of the Fast of the Firstborn, Jacob Cytryn will be leading a Mishnah study of the Tractate *Ta'anit* in the weeks leading up to Passover. Tractate *Ta'anit* is all about rain, and the theological (not to mention financial) devastation that comes with times of drought. This tractate offers a powerful window into Judaism's relationship with the environment around us. Upcoming dates include: March 21, 28.



### IT'S ABOUT TIME: STUDIES IN JEWISH CLOCKS & CALENDARS

Mondays  
7:30PM • Via Zoom

Led by Rabbi Benjy Forester, we'll study primary texts and secondary sources that explore the unique design and impact of Jewish time. Learners of all levels welcome. Come clock in! Dates include: March 9, 16, 23, and 30.



### HARTMAN LIBERAL ZIONISM: BETWEEN CRISIS AND ASPIRATION

Sundays  
10AM • Hybrid

In this eight-unit course, Hartman scholars explore the core tensions and values of liberal Zionism, responding to the dominant critiques of Israel and Zionism in a post-October 7 reality. Together, we'll explore frameworks for holding moral complexity, for teaching about Israel in a time of war, and for engaging our communities with courage, compassion, and clarity. Dates include: March 8, 18 (Wednesday), 22, & April 12, 19, and 26.



### CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM AROUND THE WORLD

Sunday, March 15  
10:30AM • Hybrid

**Session 3: Rabbino Ale Bloch from Chile.**  
Together, we will Zoom with our friends and learn about their communities as well as the opportunities and challenges they face. Each session will begin with a light breakfast from the country represented that morning, so we encourage folks to join in person. Our guests will join us via Zoom in Malkov Chapel.



LET'S TALK ABOUT THE RIPPLES OF DIVORCE THROUGHOUT THE LIFESPAN

Saturday, March 14  
9:30AM • In Person & Livestream

Divorce isn't just a moment; it's a journey with lasting impact. Our annual citywide Shabbaton brings expert insight, shared learning, and supportive spaces to explore how divorce affects individuals, families, and Jewish communities, whether the experience is recent or long past.



BLOOD DRIVE WITH VITALANT

Sunday, March 15  
8:30AM-2PM

When you donate blood, you help ensure Blood Centers of America is ready to provide blood to Magen David Adom, Israel's emergency services system, whenever it might be needed. Help your local community while providing Israel with an insurance policy, too. If you are able, please consider donating blood at our upcoming drive.



THE SOUL OF A NATION: FAITH LEADERS REFLECT ON 250 YEARS OF AMERICA

Friday, March 27  
6PM • Service | 7PM • Dinner

Memory and the Faith of the Oppressed. In honor of Passover and Easter. Enjoy Shabbat service followed by dinner and conversation on *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman and sections from Leviticus on the Israelite's post-exodus from Egypt. Cost: \$36/adult; \$15/child.



CLERGY IN CONVERSATION: MYSTERIES OF MAGID

Tuesday, March 31  
7PM • Via Zoom

Join the Anshe Emet clergy team as they learn together and discuss themes of upcoming Jewish holidays. Each clergy person will bring their own insight and expertise. We will have the opportunity to learn from their discussions to prepare ourselves for the approaching holidays.



SAPIR SALON

Monday, April 6  
7PM • Via Zoom

Anshe Emet will be participating in Sapir Salon programs where we will be bringing members of our community to engage in discussions on some of the Sapir articles. Sapir is a journal exploring the future of the American Jewish community and its intersection with cultural, social, and political issues. It is published by Maimonides Fund with Bret Stephens serving as Editor-in-Chief.



ISRAEL UPDATES FROM THE EXPERTS

Thursday, April 23  
12PM • Via Zoom

Stay updated on the most important headlines relating to current events in Israel, Israel-US relations, and the Middle East at large from expert journalists, **Amir Tibon & Jacob Magid**.

# AES MUSIC CENTER



**RACHEL BROOK**

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## JOIN US FOR SPECIAL FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES

**6PM**

Welcome in Shabbat with us at special services elevated by Anshe Emet's Community musical groups!

**April 10**

**SHIREINU:**

AES Community Choir led by  
Tory May

**April 24**

**THE FRIDAY NITE LITES:**

AES Community Jam Band led by  
Jeremy Berkun



SAVE THE DATE!

## PROFETI DELLA QUINTA

**JUNE 18 • 7PM**

Join Anshe Emet for a special performance with internationally acclaimed early-music vocal ensemble, Profeti Della Quinta, as they present a special concert portraying the Jewish Italian composer, Salomone Rossi. Highlighting the variety of his musical output, the concert will comprise Italian madrigals and instrumental music, as well as unique Hebrew-texted music for the Synagogue.

JOIN ANSHE EMET  
AS WE CELEBRATE  
**YOM HA'ATZMAUT,**  
ISRAELI  
INDEPENDENCE DAY!



**Sunday, April 19, 2026**

12:30PM Community Celebration with Israeli music, dancing, and food!

**Tuesday, April 21, 2026**

Yom Hazikaron observance and program!

**Wednesday, April 22**

Join Anshe Emet and JUF at Daly Plaza for a celebration and ceremonial raising of the Israeli flag!

*Check the website for more details in early April!*

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR MUSIC CENTER ENSEMBLES, PLEASE CONTACT AVIVA LUPOVITCH AT [ALUPOVITCH@ANSHEEMET.ORG](mailto:ALUPOVITCH@ANSHEEMET.ORG).

# YAD AT AES / RITUAL

YOUNG ADULT DIVISION IS FOR MEMBERS  
AGES 22-36 YEARS OLD.



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## YAD & YLD SHUL SHUFFLE



Friday, March 27  
6PM Service • 7PM Dinner

Begin the night with community Shabbat services at 6PM, followed by a Shabbat dinner at 7PM. Whether you're coming to services, dinner, or both, this is a wonderful opportunity to meet new faces, reconnect with friends, and celebrate Shabbat together in a welcoming and relaxed setting. \$15 Members / \$20 Anshe Emet Non-Members.



## YAD MATZAH PIZZA & TRIVIA



Monday, April 6  
6:30PM

Gather with fellow young adults for a fun and casual evening of hands-on cooking, friendly competition, and community connection as we put our own spin on a Passover favorite. After we make our pizzas, stick around for a Jeopardy style trivia game featuring a mix of Jewish, pop culture, and general knowledge questions. \$15 per person.



## YAD APRIL SHABBAT



Friday, April 17  
6PM Service • 7:15PM Dinner

Join YAD for a Shabbat service and dinner. You're welcome to join us for services, dinner, or both. RSVP is required. Services are always free. We hope you'll join us for a meaningful and enjoyable Shabbat evening. \$15 for Members / \$20 for Non-Members.

## BASKETBALL: THURSDAYS



Interested in YAD Basketball? Join us every Thursday for the right amount of friendly pick-up basketball competition. Learn more and sign up by joining the Facebook group.

We are back to in-person (hybrid)  
Minyan every weekday except



Wednesday! To ensure we have a Minyan on all of our in-person days, we're using a sign-up sheet by SignupGenius.

Just scan the QR code to sign up for any mornings you can join us. As a reminder, we meet at 7AM on weekdays, and at 8:30AM on Sundays and national holidays.

**Bring a friend— we look forward to seeing you at Minyan!**

**Shabbat morning Torah reading:**



If you are interested in reading Torah on Shabbat or *Chag* (Jewish holiday), you can sign up using the QR code. You can then email me with the date and Aliyah you signed up for, and I will send you resources to help you prepare.



**MARDI CAMINER**  
Grodzin Director  
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## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL UPDATE

The Joseph & Belle Braun Religious School is thriving! Here are some highlights in numbers:

- 207 students enrolled
- 27 madrichim
- 38 teachers

It's not too late to join the fun, reach out to [mcaminer@ansheemet.org](mailto:mcaminer@ansheemet.org) to learn more.

### NEW TRAINING TO SUPPORT NEURODIVERGENT LEARNERS:

This month, more than 20 Anshe Emet staff will go through a Hebrew Orton Gillingham Training. Through three sessions, they will learn how to develop a more multi-sensory approach to Hebrew decoding to better serve our learners with special needs. The training is funded by a state grant for inclusivity improvements.



## AM YISRAEL HIGH

Am Yisrael High is a module-based learning experience for 9th-12th graders that will cover topics such as Israel, religion and science, and entrepreneurship. There are also two Around the World learning sessions offered throughout the year. Each lesson will run from 11:30AM to 12:30PM on certain Sundays.

Dates:

**Teen Olam 2**

March 15

**Module 3 - Shark Gefilte Fish Tank: Teen Jewish Entrepreneurs!**

April 19, 26, and May 3

## HIGH SCHOOL SHABBAT MINYAN AND DISCUSSION

**SHABBAT MORNING, APRIL 25 & MAY 30**

All high schoolers are invited to join this new opportunity for teen connection and Jewish enrichment. RSVP and sign up for a role in the service!

Schedule:

10AM-11AM: Abridged teen-led minyan

11AM-11:15AM: Snack time

11:15AM-12PM: Learning with Tamar Cytryn, CJDS Director of Jewish studies.

12PM: Join the community for Kiddush lunch

Reach out to Rabbi Benji at

[bforester@ansheemet.org](mailto:bforester@ansheemet.org)

with any questions.

# YOUTH & YOUNG FAMILIES



## YOUNG FAMILY SEDER PLATE EXPLORATION

Saturday, March 29  
10AM

Designed for ages 18 months through 4 years old—siblings welcome! Join Cantor Josh and award-winning chef Micah Siva as we explore the sights, smells, and tastes of the seder plate with the whole family! You'll leave with goodies for your family's Passover celebration.

Cost: Members: \$30 per child, 1-2 accompanying adults//Non-Members: \$40 per child, 1-2 accompanying adults.



## FABULOUS FOURS

9:15AM-10:45AM

If your child will be ready for JK in the Fall of 2026, then they are ready for Anshe Emet's family class: Fabulous Fours! In its third year, Fabulous Fours engages 4 year-olds and their grown-ups in Jewish values connected to holidays and the world around us.

Dates: April 12, 19, and 26, & May 3 (JK Religious School Shadow day).



## PASSOVER PAINTING

Sunday, March 15  
12:15PM

Let's get creative for Passover! K-2nd grade children are invited to partake in a fun painting activity where they can make their own Passover-themed art. Together we will celebrate and learn about Passover while creating beautiful artwork to bring home to our seders!



## DAY OFF PROGRAM

Tuesday, March 17  
9AM-5PM

We will be crafting, playing outside and more! Breakfast, lunch, and snack will be provided. These programs are from 9am to 5pm. There is an option for Anshe Emet members to drop their children off at 8:30AM at an additional cost. This option is not available to nonmembers.

# 5TH GRADE BAR/BAT MITZVAH FAMILY MEETING

Thursday, April 30  
6:30PM

To all 5th grade families,

We will be holding a family information meeting to review the next steps in your child's Bar/Bat Mitzvah journey. The meeting will begin at 6:30PM.

Dinner will be provided, and we will have a dedicated activity for 5th graders, along with options to keep siblings engaged. We do this so the entire family can join us for this important conversation.

During the meeting, we will cover:

- What to expect from J2M6
- When and how to begin thinking about tutoring
- Meetings and milestones during your child's 6th grade year and leading up to their Bar/Bat Mitzvah
- And more helpful guidance as you look ahead

**Please do your best to attend, as this session lays an important foundation for the year to come.**

**Scan the QR code to RSVP!**





## THE GESHER PROGRAM IN MEMORY OF LINDA J. KARNO Z"l ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH EXPERIENCE

If you've never had the opportunity to celebrate becoming b'nai mitzvah, or if you are simply seeking to deepen your Jewish literacy, we invite you to be part of our next Geshher cohort! Students will learn synagogue skills such as Hebrew decoding, prayer leading, and Torah leyning, and will have the opportunity to work with AES clergy in crafting and delivering their own divrei Torah.

Cost: \$180.

Meets on Thursdays from 7PM-8:30PM beginning April 30 with a break mid-June to August. Geshher B'nai Mitzvah Service: Saturday, June 19, 2027.

If you are interested or would like to discuss finances to participate, please reach out to Cantor Josh Rosenberg at [jrosenberg@ansheemet.org](mailto:jrosenberg@ansheemet.org).

*This program is being offered in loving memory of Linda J. Karno, z"l.*



## CANASTA AT AES

Sundays  
9AM

Join our whatsapp group for precise dates by emailing Emma Stern at [esternberg@ansheemet.org](mailto:esternberg@ansheemet.org)



COMMUNITY DAYS  
AT AES:

**Wednesday, March 25**  
12PM Lunch • 12:30PM Program

**Wednesday, April 22**  
12PM Lunch • 12:30PM Program



MY GO-TO-PLACE  
AT AES:

**Tuesday, March 31 at 1PM**

**Tuesday, April 21 at 11AM**



## AES SOFTBALL

With spring fast approaching, the Anshe Emet Softball Team is looking for folks 18 years and older to participate on the competitive, intermediate, or recreational teams.

If interested, please contact Sam Neusner at [sneusner@yahoo.com](mailto:sneusner@yahoo.com).



*From the February 1 Sisterhood Tu B'Shevat Seder.*

# AES AFFINITY GROUPS & COMMUNITY



AES SISTERHOOD CONTINUING THE YEAR WITH A WIDE ARRAY OF EXCITING PROGRAMS.

Rabbi Vanessa Harper led our most recent **Feminism in Judaism Series** titled **The First Ladies** over three evenings in January. The group gained more nuanced understandings of the biblical Eve and midrashic Lilith through Rabbi Harper's variety of fascinating sources. Discussions were lively and enlightening. Thank you to Julian Blumenthal for all the hard and continuing work of putting this series together for Sisterhood!

We celebrated the Anshe Emet **Tu B'Shevat Seder** (pictured on previous page) on Sunday, February 1st with the Gather Group joining Sisterhood. Thanks to our fabulous leaders Sara Aron and Rena Grosser, we celebrated a Fragrance Feast with a customized Haggadah, featuring the artwork of member Gabriella Boros. Everyone participated in the seder that included traditional fruits, wine/juice, and a delicious meal. Each participant crafted a scented prayer relic to bring home.

Our annual **Sisterhood Shabbat** took place February 28. Members and friends participated in all aspects of this special service by reading Torah, leading prayers and giving a D'var Torah. Participants enjoyed a light breakfast before the service and Sisterhood also sponsored a special Kiddish Lunch. Thanks to the efforts of Chair Larisa Kenen, who makes certain this special event happens flawlessly each year.

## Upcoming Programs

Cantor Liz Berke will lead a Learning Series titled **Mikvah: Where We've Been and Where We're Going** the last three Thursdays in March. First the group will take a deep look at the historical role of mikvah, and then how it is being reimagined today. The first sessions on March 12, 19 & 26 will be hybrid, at AES and via Zoom. The last class will take place at the Community Mikvah in Wilmette with an opportunity for immersion. Check the AES website and e-mails for more information.

On Sunday, April 26 our **Torah Fund Reception** will honor Cantor Liz Berke for her 15 years of service to Anshe Emet. This is an international scholarship program for students at all Conservative/Masorti schools. This year's theme is Oseh Shalom – Maker of Peace.

It's not too late to join Our **Sisterhood Book Group**. We will read three books in the Spring. If interested, please contact Judy Metzger at hgmet1@aol.com.

*A special thanks goes out to Emma Sternberg and the AES staff who are so crucial to making it "all happen".*

**Marcie Marcovitz**  
President

**Deborah Gubin**  
Vice-President

*Sisterhood is an affiliate of Women's League for Conservative Judaism—website wlcj.org. Women's League offers a wide range of online educational programs, including Zoom conversations with Masorti congregations in Israel. Your membership automatically provides access to this impressive resource.*

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## Upcoming Programming

FJMC Midwest Region Man of the Year and Youth of the Year at Beth Hillel Bnai Emunah, Sunday, March 15 at 1PM. Join us and support our own Man of the Year, **Arthur Elstein** and Youth of the Year, **Jonah Latimer**. Purchase a ticket to attend and make a tribute.



Arthur Elstein



Jonah Latimer

**Men, Meat, and Midrash on Tuesday, March 24 at 7PM:** We'll preorder meals from Milts and enjoy them at Anshe Emet. Our featured speaker will be **Rabbi Benji Forester**, with timely thoughts on a Jewish response to artificial intelligence technology and its risks to human development and social interaction.

**Men's Club Shabbat on March 28 at 9:30AM.** This regular Sanctuary service will celebrate and recognize our Men's Club. Everyone is welcome to join us. Also, Men's Club members can reach out to **Dan Kenen** at dkenen@gmail.com with questions and requests to lead part of the service.

## Save the Date

**Region Retreat in St. Louis from May 1-3.** For more information, contact **Scot Fowler** of at Congregation B'nai Amoona at scot.a.fowler@gmail.com.

**Bowling at Timber Lanes, 1851 W. Irving Park, May 12.** Bowling, pizza, and camaraderie. Don't miss it. Contact Jay Lazar for more information at moelazar@comcast.net.

### Pickleball

**Pickleball is currently on break.** We will restart soon! Notify **Emma Sternberg** at esternberg@ansheemet.org if you would like to be notified and sent reminders for all future dates.

### Membership

Our membership has swelled to over 140 members. If not already a member, you are still welcome to join the corps for this fiscal year ending June 30. To learn more, please contact Neil Stern at: NPSChicago@sbcglobal.net.

Kol Tuv,

**Barry Seeskin**

President, Anshe Emet Men's Club

## EREV YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION

WITH GUEST SPEAKER

## IDA PALUCH-KERSZ

Monday, April 13, 7PM

Join the Anshe Emet community as we remember those lost in the Holocaust, and ensure that their memories may forever be a blessing. We'll be joined by Ida Paluch-Kersz, who will share her powerful story of perseverance and survival as a child.



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# AES B'NAI MITZVAH

## MARCH 2026



**SAUL GARTHWAITE**

Son of  
Leslie & Craig Garthwaite  
March 7, 2026



**ALANA GORDON**

Daughter of  
Joshua & Natalie Gordon  
March 14, 2026



**ROLAND ZACHARIAH**

Son of  
Cheryl L. Kaplan  
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March 7, 2026



**DALIA SCHWARZ**

Daughter of  
Andrew & Shira Schwarz  
March 21, 2026

## BEREAVEMENT GROUP

March 23 & April 27  
7:30PM via Zoom

Please join us online for our monthly support group for adults who have experienced the death of a loved one within the past two years.

Learn more and join us at [ansheemet.org/events/bereavementgroup](https://ansheemet.org/events/bereavementgroup).

## MISHEBERACH LIST

If you would like to have a name placed on the misheberach (prayer for healing) list, contact Victoria May at [vmay@ansheemet.org](mailto:vmay@ansheemet.org) or 773.868.5120. Names will be kept on the list for two weeks unless otherwise requested.

If you have added a name to this list, and circumstances have changed, please make sure to notify Tory May so our announcements remain up to date. Thank you.

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Anshe Emet expresses its sincerest condolences to the families of:

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## APRIL 2026



**NOAM CHAILLOT**

Son of  
Emile Chaillot  
April 11, 2026



**ILANA GROSSMAN-HAAR**

Daughter of  
Malcolm Haar &  
Brian Grossman  
April 25, 2026



**JEROME ARONSON**

Son of  
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April 25, 2026



**MATAN BERGER-GOULD**

Son of  
Rabbi D'ror Chankin-Gould  
& Cantor David Berger  
April 18, 2026



**BEATRICE MANN**

Daughter of  
Meredith & Brian Mann  
April 25, 2026

Not photographed:  
**BRYNNE ROME**  
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April 18, 2026



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